UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

BENNIE PARKS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:16-CV-2011-CAP

COL ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, INC. and DOES 1-10, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter is before the court on the plaintiff's motion to vacate [Doc. No. 5] his own voluntary dismissal of the case.

Pursuant to Rule 60(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on motion and just terms, the court may relieve a party from a final judgment, order, or proceeding for the following reasons: (1) mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence that, with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud (whether previously called intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party; (4) the judgment is void; (5) the judgment has been satisfied, released or discharged; it is based on an earlier judgment that has been reversed or vacated; or

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applying it prospectively is no longer equitable; or (6) any other reason that

justifies relief. Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b)(1)-(6).

Here, the plaintiff relies upon subsection 2 to support his motion; he

contends that since he did not have information about where to personally

serve the corporate defendant's officers when he voluntarily dismissed this

action and now he has that information, the dismissal should be vacated.

The plaintiff offers no explanation of why he did not undertake efforts to

locate these addresses earlier. This is particularly true in light of the court's

November 29, 2016, order alerting him to questions about the validity of

service based upon what had been filed on the docket up to that point.

Moreover, the plaintiff has not even suggested that there was any attempt by

the corporate defendant to avoid service.

Because the "new evidence" relied upon by the plaintiff could have been

discovered with reasonable diligence prior to the voluntary dismissal, the

motion to vacate pursuant to Rule 60(b)(2) is DENIED.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of March, 2017.

/s/CHARLES A. PANNELL, JR. CHARLES A. PANNELL, JR.

United States District Judge

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